Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State religious organizations that admirably enhance the quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of the spiritual services they provide; and

Whereas, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church of Warrensburg, Missouri, was organized in 1888 by the Reverend J.T. Caston from members of the former Second Baptist Church and Independence Baptist Church; and

Whereas, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its One Hundred Twentieth Anniversary with an appropriately festive observance on October 5, 2008; and

Whereas, the earliest members of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church decided to purchase a former Methodist church property on which to build a new church whose cornerstone was laid on August 7, 1889; and

Whereas, that church remained in use until October 30, 2005, when the current structure was used for its first worship service and then given a formal dedication on March 26 and April 9, 2006; and

Whereas, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church has been guided throughout its one hundred twenty years in operation by a roster of dedicated, faithful men that includes the Reverend Melvin G. Eaves, who holds the distinction of being the church's longest-serving pastor; the Reverend Terry Clark, who united with Shiloh Baptist Church in June 1991 and served as an Associate Minister and Interim Pastor; the Reverend Arthur L. Mobley, Jr., who was called to serve as pastor on September 11, 1994; the Reverend Edward E. Washington, Sr., who was called to serve on April 21, 1997; and current pastor, the Reverend Terrence Moody, who began his service on May 30, 1999; and

Whereas, on the eve of its One Hundred Twentieth Anniversary, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church not only looks to the past, but also to the future in which it will continue to be an "authentic Biblical church strengthened through Jesus Christ with ministries focusing on building and operating Christ's state of the art spiritual hospital located in Warrensburg":

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the One Hundred Twentieth Anniversary of the founding of their religious institution; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church of Warrensburg, Missouri.

Offered by

Representative David Pearce District No. 121

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4279, adopted October 2, 2008.